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Evidence Collection

By: Recruit Schaal

On Monday and Wednesday, the Police Corps welcomed Sergeant Judy Anibas who presented classes on evidence collection. Sergeant Anibas is a 22-year veteran of the Eau Claire Police Department and has attended the basic and advanced evidence technician programs at the State Crime Lab.

Sergeant Anibas concentrated on the rules, types, and principles of evidence collection at the beginning of the class. Officers may be the first people responding to a crime

scene, so special emphasis was placed on how to properly secure a scene and how to account for all evidence and personnel. Sergeant Anibas then had the class members ink and roll fingerprints of each other. Even though technology is making the inking of fingerprints unnecessary, it is a technique that every officer should learn and be proficient at.

On Wednesday, Sergeant Anibas concentrated on how to identify the critical elements of a crime scene upon arrival

and basic incident command. She then moved into how to measure and diagram a crime scene properly. Finally, Sergeant Anibas went over the proper packaging and marking of evidence in different collection containers.



Emergency Medical Services

By: Recruit Bertram

On Tuesday and Thursday, the recruits started their instruction on EMS to get certified as First Responders. The recruits started off by learning the CPR and Heimlich Maneuvers through American Heart Association videos that utilize a watch-then-practice technique.

The recruits also learned how to perform an initial medical assessment on a patient to determine their level of consciousness. The importance of checking vital signs, such as respira-

tions, circulation, and blood pressure, were stressed throughout the instruction. The recruits learned how to stabilize a patient's head and then how to get that patient onto a stretcher with minimal spine and neck movement. The instructors then had the class practice everything that they learned through scenarios. This gave

the recruits a chance to see how much they retained and also practice how to properly assess patients when responding to a call.

Another important part of the instruction was the ethical considerations that police officers may encounter as First Responders. There were many important laws and responsibilities addressed that taught the recruits how to handle themselves properly.



Searches & Room Clearing

By: Recruit Dillhoff

On Saturday, Sergeant Steve Page and Sergeant Judi Anibas of the Eau Claire Police Department instructed the recruits on building searches and room clearing. Most of the time was spent in the classroom learning tactics. The first area covered was approach considerations. The recruits learned the importance of setting up perimeters. Special emphasis was placed on setting up the inner perimeter, or the area immediately surrounding the building.

Sergeants Page and Anibas then covered the actual entry of a building. They stressed that this is the most dangerous moment in the search and that quickly establishing a beachhead (safety zone) directly inside the door is of vital importance. The recruits were then instructed in the basic tactics of searching. These included the movement and communication between officers, whether through speaking or signaling.

After learning the tactical concepts, the recruits were paired up and allowed to practice searching

various rooms throughout the academy building. Sergeant Page and Sergeant Anibas offered pointers and constructive criticism on the recruits' performance. The practice scenarios were a great learning experiences.



Simunitions

By: Recruit Olson

On Monday, half of the recruits took part in their first Simunitions scenario. Through the use of the Simunitions equipment, the recruits are faced with mock-reality scenarios in which they are forced to put together all the knowledge gained thus far while attending the Police Corps. Following each scenario, the recruit gets the chance to be debriefed by the instructors and are forced to

articulate why they chose to shoot or not shoot in each situation. To stress the importance of being able to articulate decisions that are made, the recruits also have to write reports on their actions.

The Simunition guns that are used are actual 9mm Glocks, which have been modified so that it is impossible to load and discharge live ammunition. Instead, the Glocks discharge non-lethal detergent rounds. As many recruits found, the detergent rounds are eas-

ier to get out of their clothing than average paintball rounds. As a mandatory requirement, each recruit is equipped with the proper safety equipment, including a facemask and throat protector.

The recruits have found that the scenario-based training has been what sets the Police Corps above other training and they are looking forward to future Simunition exercises.

Agency Spotlight

By: Recruit Meyer

The city of Fond du Lac is home to some 42,000 people. The Fond du Lac City Police Department has a total of seventy-one sworn officers and thirteen civil-



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ian employees. The department also has two satellite offices at the Forest Mall and at their Central District Office. The department has a strong Community-Oriented Policing philosophy that includes such programs as D.A.R.E., School Liaison Officers, Graffiti Reduction Program, Moun-

tain Bike Unit, Neighborhood Watch, and a Citizen Police Academy.

The city of Fond du Lac is located at the foot of Lake Winnebago on the Southern edge of Fond du Lac County. Marian College and UW Fond du Lac offer excellent educational opportunities.

Phase 1 Completed!

By: Recruit Prock

Phase 1 has been a fun and interesting learning experience for all of the recruits. It rounded out the first seven weeks of the Police Corps Academy and the recruits have begun Phase 2 this week. The recruits have learned a lot of information from many knowledgeable instructors. They have become proficient at Defensive And Arrest Techniques, Professional Communication Skills, Re-

port Writing, Investigation and Interrogation, Searches and Seizures, Laws of Arrest, Officer Survival Spanish, Police Ethics, Firearms, and many other skills.

The recruits have also had the opportunity to work with the National Guard Challenge Academy cadets. The cadets are challenged youths who are here to straighten out their lives and also get their HSEDs. The recruits have helped tutor the youths on a

weekly basis and have also worked with them on community service projects.

Now that the first phase has been completed, the recruits are looking forward to learning new skills and also applying the skills that they have already been taught. The recruits have come together as a team and are eagerly anticipating the start of their new and exciting careers.



Picture Of The Week

Photograph by: Recruit Jentzsch

Recruit Pusel and Recruit Kraeger move down the hallway practicing their search and cover techniques.

